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flow direction wherein the average direction of said flow between said first backflow preventor valve and said second backflow preventor valve is non-collinear with said inlet flow direction and is substantially at a first angle to said inlet flow direction;

moving at least a first portion of said conduit with respect to a second portion of said conduit to cause a change in said outlet flow direction with respect to said inlet flow direction to any of a plurality of outlet flow directions in a substantially leak-free manner.--

Remarks

Claims 1-27 will be pending following entry of the present amendment. Applicants note that the indication on the transmittal sheet "please cancel claims 1-9" should have read "please amend claims 1-9," as was clear from the preliminary amendment enclosed therewith.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over 5,226,441 and claim 10 over 5,226,441 combined with Beukema.

Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer which is believed sufficient to overcome the rejection. The required fee is enclosed herewith.

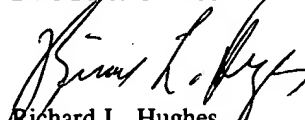
Claims 11-27 have been added directed to disclosed embodiments of the invention. Support can be found, e.g., at pages 10-14 and 20.

A principal difference between claim 11 and claim 1 is that claim 1 specifies movement to any of an infinite number of outlet flow directions while claim 11 refers to movement to any of a plurality of outlet flow directions. Claim 11 is patentable because the prior art does not disclose a backflow preventor in which the inflow direction is at an angle to the direction of flow between the valves and relative movement of the conduit portions causes a change in outflow direction to any of a plurality of directions.

The application now appearing to be in form for allowance, reconsideration and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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